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BIO TECHNOLOGY PARKS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bio-technology parks functioning in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government has received requests from various State Government for strengthening of such parks in the country; (C) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the number of proposals for setting up of such parks lying pending with the Department`s Expert Committee alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(e) the time by which such pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a). Biotechnology Parks set up in Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Pune (Maharashtra) and Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) are functional. A Biotechnology Park is being set up at Vadodara (Gujarat). Projects for setting up Biotechnology Incubation Centers have been supported in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka.

(b),(c),(d) & (e). A proposal has just been received from the Govt. of Tamilnadu for strengthening the TICEL Bio Park. Another proposal has just been received from the Govt. of Gujarat for establishment of a Marine Biotech Incubator. These would be processed and considered by the Expert Committee constituted for the purpose. A decision on these is expected to be taken by early 2008.